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Subject: RE: VoToys Field Operations Site Update for February 2021

Hi everyone!

I hope you're all well and in good health. Just wanted to provide an update to you and ask that you update the town website with this information.

Important 2021 Update on Field Operations:

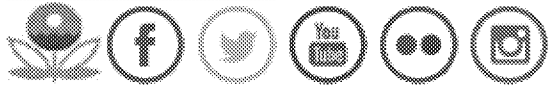
EPA restarted field activities at the Vo-Toys site on February 1. The Building C demolition is expected to begin in April and take approximately 3-4 weeks to complete. To learn more about field activities, please see the February 2021 Community Update fact sheet: [Community Update for February 2021](#)

Thank you!

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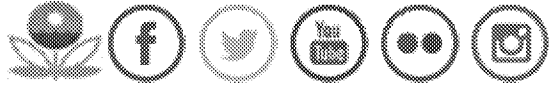
Attached is the February 2021 Community Update fact sheet as promised. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you,
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Subject: VoToys Field Operations Site Update for February 2021

Hi everyone,

I hope this email finds you all in health. A quick update on the Vo-Toys site field operations. Beginning February 1, EPA and GE Contractors will remobilize to the site to restart cleanup activities. As you know, we temporarily suspended work for the month of January because several contractors had tested positive for COVID.

We have updated EPA's website (<http://www.epa.gov/superfund/vo-toys>) to indicate that work will restart on February 1, and we ask that you make updates to the town website as well. Suggested language is below:

Field activities at the Vo-Toys site will restart on February 1. In January, EPA had temporarily suspended field operations after learning that several field contractors involved with the cleanup had shown symptoms of or tested positive for COVID-19. The decision to restart work was made in consultation with our partners including the town of Harrison. EPA will continue to work closely with state and local health officials, and all partners and stakeholders, to make determinations about site work based on guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. EPA continues to closely monitor site conditions.

We are also working on a community update fact sheet to provide the community with updated information on the status of the cleanup work. We will share this fact sheet with you once it is finalized.

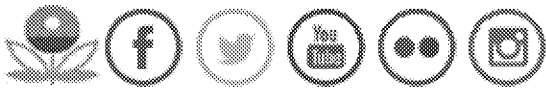
Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you.

In health,
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Subject: VoToys Field Operations Site Update for January 2021

Importance: High

Good afternoon and Happy New Year!

I hope this email finds you and your families in excellent health and that the holidays were safe and beautiful.

As you may be aware, several of GE's contractors have either shown symptoms of or tested positive for COVID-19. Out of an abundance of caution and to protect the health and safety of the field workers and the community, field operations have been temporarily suspended. We are posting an update to EPA's Vo-Toys webpage (<http://www.epa.gov/superfund/vo-toys>) and we hope you'll be able to provide similar information on the town's webpage. You may feel free to use the language we've drafted:

EPA learned that several field contractors involved with the cleanup operation at the Vo-Toys site have shown symptoms of or tested positive for COVID-19, and the individuals are in self-quarantine. EPA has temporarily suspended field operations at the Vo-Toys site until further notice.

The suspension of work is a temporary measure and will be reassessed as soon as possible. During this time, there may be limited on-site activities by personnel who have not been affected by COVID-19 and are not symptomatic. All visible and high-level mercury found in Building C has been removed, and although trace mercury vapor levels remain inside the building, they are very low and will not impact the community. Perimeter air monitoring remains non-detectable for mercury and will continue during the temporary work suspension. Additionally, manned site security will be maintained on-site during the suspension.

The decision to suspend work was made in consultation with our partners, including the town of Harrison. EPA will continue to work closely with state and local health officials, and all partners and stakeholders, to make determinations about site work based on guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. EPA will also continue to closely monitor site conditions.

It is important to know that during the COVID-19 pandemic, EPA maintains its ability to respond to human health or environmental emergencies at Superfund sites, or in any situation where we are called upon to address immediate risks from releases of chemical, oil, radiological, biological, and other hazardous materials.

Should you need anything, please do not hesitate to reach out.

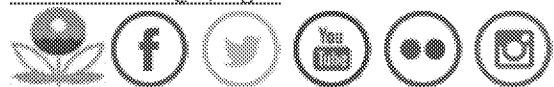
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